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SUBJECT: PPP WINS BALUCHISTAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEAT

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1. ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF POLLING CONDUCTED FEBRUARY 18 TO FILL BALUCHISTAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEAT, VACATED BY SARDAR KHAIR BUX MARRI OF NAP, PPP CANDIDATE MIR TAJ MOHAMMAD JAMALI RECEIVED 70,542 VOTES WHILE HIS CLOSEST RIVAL SALIM BUGTI, SON OF EX-GOVERNOR SARDAR AKBAR KHAN BUGTI, RECEIVED 61,368 VOTES. THREE OTHER CONTESTANTS MADE NO SHOWINGS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE.

2. ELECTION TOOK PLACE IN HIGHLY POLITICIZED ATMOSPHERE. FOLLOWING SWEARING-IN OF NEW PROVINCIAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 15 (REFTEL A) PACE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY CONTINUED FEBRUARY 16 WHEN IN EARLY MORNING GRENADE THROWN INTO QUETTA RESIDENCE COMPOUND OF EX-GOVERNOR BUGTI EXPLODED WITHOUT CAUSING PHYSICAL INJURY. LATER SAME DAY AT PPP

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ELECTION RALLY SCUFFLE RESULTED IN ONE REPORTED FATALITY OF

PPP SUPPORTER (REFTEL B). GOP MINISTER FOR INTER-PROVINCIAL COORDINATION RAFIZ PIRZADA REMAINED ON THE SCENE FOR THE ELECTION.

3. COMMENT: REPORTED CLOSENESS OF VOTE SUGGESTS THAT CAMPAIGN WAS HARD FOUGHT WITH PPP AND ITS OPPOSITION PULLING OUT ALL STOPS. NARROW PPP MARGIN OF VICTORY CONTRASTS UNFAVORABLY WITH OVERWHELMING MARGINS SECURED BY PPP CANDIDATES IN OTHER RECENT ELECTION SUCCESSES IN SIND AND PUNJAB (KARACHI A-13, 2/13/74). PRESS HAS BEEN SILENT ON LOCAL REACTION TO ELECTION RESULTS, BUT IT NEARLY INESCAPABLE THAT SARDAR BUGTI WILL AT A MINIMUM ALLEGE ELECTORAL FRAUD AND MALPRACTICES AND PERHAPS EVEN NOW IS DEVISING OTHER WAYS OF ATTEMPTING TO ASSUAGE THIS POLITICAL SET-BACK.

4. NO MATTER HOW IT WAS DONE, THE PPP WON THIS ROUND SINCE JAMALI IS THE FIRST PUBLICLY ENDORSED PPP CANDIDATE IN A GENERAL ELECTION TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO OFFICE IN BALUCHISTAN. CURRENTLY TWO NAP MPA SEATS, THOSE OF GUL KHAN NASIR AND ABDUR REHMAN, HAVE BEEN DECLARED VACANT AND ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20 AND 21. PPP LIKELY PUSH HARD TO INSURE VICTORY IN THESE POLLS BECAUSE, IF SUCCESSFUL, PARTY WILL THEN BE ABLE TO POINT WITH PRIDE TO DEMONSTRATED POLITICAL POPULARITY AND ACCEPTANCE IN PROVINCE WHICH IT HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO DO. SUCCESS IN MNA ELECTION STRONGLY FORECASTS THAT REGIME WILL ENGINEER SIMILAR RESULTS IN MPA BY-ELECTIONS. WHETHER PPP WILL THEN BE WILLING OR SETTLE FORESTABLISHED POLITICAL PRESENCE ON BALUCHISTAN POLITICAL SCENE, OR CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR DOMINANCE SUCH AS IT HAS IN SIND OR PUNJAB, APPEARS SOLELY DEPENDENT ON PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S DESIRES.

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